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When I was in gradeschool we would have these tornado drills to teach us what to do if such a storm should arise. First line

up at the door, Go into the hall, facing the wall, drop to your knees, place your head at the base of the wall, then cover your head w/ your hands. I'm not to sure how much of what we learned would actually help us in a storm but, I do know that we learned what to do. In our text, the Apostle Paul along w/ the 275 souls on this ship headed to Rome were in the thick of a storm, a Tempestuous Wind and I believe that by closely following what took place in their storm, Every believer, can learn principles for dealing w/ the

I. The Certainty of the Storm. Someone said "Only 2 certainties in life death & taxes," I'd add a 3rd "troubles." Storms so often represent trouble in Bible. So Storms are certainly a ^{gemma. Bless} Tempestuous Wind.

A. The Reason Storms Come - We know storms gonna come. But why. Any reasons why these sailors in storm? Season - vs 8-9 Not only seas have seasons but life has seasons. Were in "Fairhaven" but now its a dangerous time. You either headed for, in middle, coming ^{out}.

Stubberness vs 10-11 - OH don't that sound like us. We know what mama says, daddy, Preacher, Bible but "Never the less" here we go! Circumstances Hey lets face it sometimes we just get caught up in storms. Paul used "We" time again, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28

B. The Results Storms Cause - so of God

uses storms in our lives to cause things to take place...
Telling VS15 - "they let her drive" basically they let go of the wheel and realized they weren't in control any more

Labor VS16-17 - The ship was cracking up, had ^{ice} undergird ship. Much work. Just trying to hold it together

Lighting VS18 - The ship was in danger of sinking so to help prevent that they threw overboard things that weighed down

Listening VS21-25 - I tell you what, I'll bet the next time the preachers had anything to say they were all ears.

II. The Stupidity of the Sailor

- Yes I'm talking to you and me. We are all guilty of doing the dumbest things in the worst of times. Look at the faults of these sailors, and know what not to do in.

A. The Fault in Forbearing ^(VS11) I know I've already emphasized this but we need to remember it. There are some messacng storms; Jesus constrained disciples. But for the sailors, this could have been avoided. ^{Some} times we are our own worst enemy. Listen to God's word, ^{missionaries} preachers

B. The Failure in Fearing VS29 - These men being driven by fear made a terrible mistake, threw 4 anchors out of the stem of ship. That turns the back of the ship toward the waves, potentially sinking the ship. Don't make decisions out of fear but in faith

C. The Foolishness of Fleeing ^{VS30-32} These guys were jumping ship. They were taking the life raft and fleeing the situation. Paul catches them and reminds them "Except these abide,..." So man jump ship in storm (divorce, job, church). Back up plan. Stay on board. Better chance on board in storm, than out of storm adrift at sea

Job 14:1 Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

Hebrews 12:1 ... let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us...

John 16:33 ... for the world will have tribulation, but he that abides in me, and I in him, will overcome the world. This old body and this old world are going down, but all those on the ship of Zion have the promise of eternal life.

Take in healthy portions of the word of God. Worship God. Assemble with God's people.

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

So many in a trial neglect the things they need. They worry themselves into sleepless nights and starve themselves of the word of God and the house of God.

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D. The folly of Fasting vs 33-34 - Don't get the idea these guys were fasting and praying for God's deliverance. Word "fasting" used only once here means "no food". They were working + working and just simply were not eating + taking care, becoming weaker... So many

III. The Security of the Sovereign - But despite their stupidity they had the security of knowing that there is a Sovereign God in control of the both the ship and the storm. ^{They} Had

A. A Pronouncement vs 21-25 - God didn't leave them in the dark, wondering what's going on or what to do. There was the man of God and the word of God. I may not be that great of pastor, but ^{God gave you his word} God did put me.

B. A Promise - vs 22, vs 31 Paul says I got bad news and good news. Bad news is that this ship is going down. Good news is those on board shall be saved.

God didn't promise anything good for this old world. In 16:33

C. A Provision vs 35-36 - There was some bread and meat on board that ship. Listen when you are caught up into a tempestuous wind, take care of your body rest, eat right, love on your wife or husband + children. Take in

D. A Path vs 39-41 - When they took some provision they saw a path. There was a light at the end of the tunnel. They found a path a way of escape.

1 Cor 10:13. Keep trusting God and looking for a path.

E. Some Pieces vs 42-44 - When life cracks up there are some things that we can hold onto that will see us safely to shore! Christ died for my sins, The Lord is my shepherd! God keeps his

IV. The Service of the Saint - You can be assured that every storm is for a reason a purpose in the Plan of God. Weather the storm is necessary or unnecessary.

A. A Wanderer to the Skeptic Ch 28:1-6 Paul landed on this island and was being helped by this native people. Snake bit Paul, they said "He's a murderer" You knew their wording was right but their reasoning was wrong. Yes he was a murderer but the punishment they thought the snake was handing out, was already taken care of at the Cross of Christ! He died

B. A Witness to the Sinners vs 6f - I know the story goes on in verse 7, but you can't tell me that Paul just said "Yipp that's me, I'm a good" No, No, I'm sure in my heart that he began to preach about a God that did become a man, and died to save sinners. vs 8. These barbarians intently watching this shipwreck in turn lift holy hands call on God

C. A Wellness to the Sick vs 9-10 - On the other side of this storm was a people in darkness and sin. This storm threw them right slam into the physical + spiritual needs of a community. These people's lives were changed forever. If it hadn't been for the storm, these would have never been saved.

V. Closing - One night coming home from church, there came a bad storm. Even + I were on Slegge road, wind was pushing the truck, rain lightning flashing, Even (3 or 4) quietly reached over and grabbed my hand. That's what you do in a tempestuous storm.

Look at verse 26. Cast on an island. My buddy Travis Sharp said "I'd rather be cast by god than placed by the devil. I'd rather be thrown by God than placed by my own intellect." God's got a plan and a purpose for you on that island on the other side of the storm. So what don't you let him work all things out for your good and his glory!